

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and James City County invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Mill and Powhatan Creek Watersheds. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in Mill and Powhatan Creeks violate Virginia's water quality standards for primary contact recreation. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2008 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/jamesrvr/millpowec.pdf>. The Implementation Plan will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL study.

The final public meeting to review the Draft TMDL Implementation Plan will be held on:

Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 6:30pm
James City/Williamsburg Community Center
5301 Longhill Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed management actions to reduce bacteria concentrations in the affected watersheds and to solicit public comment on the draft Implementation Plan. The IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A copy of the draft Implementation Plan will be available on the James City County website by May 3, 2010. (<http://www.jccgov.com/stormwater/index.html>)

How to comment: The public comment period on the development of the IP will end on June 14, 2009. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jennifer Howell. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jennifer Howell at DEQ or Jennifer Tribo at HRPDC:

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